

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2002-262-C - ORDER NO. 2002-760
OCTOBER 28, 2002

IN RE: Rule to Show Cause Request Against Quick Connect Telephone Service, Inc.) ORDER GRANTING) STAFF PETITION,) SETTING HEARING,) AND ESTABLISHING) PREFILING DATES
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Commission Staff's (the Staff's) Petition for a Rule to Show Cause as to why the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Quick Connect Telephone Service, Inc. (Quick Connect or the Company) should not be revoked. The Petition reflects that Quick Connect received its Certificate to provide local and long distance telecommunications services in South Carolina pursuant to Order No. 2000-1012, dated December 19, 2000. Quick Connect's service offerings in South Carolina include prepaid local service and prepaid calling card service (long distance/interexchange services). Quick Connect is a reseller of services. Staff alleges that on July 1, 2002, on information and belief, the services of Quick Connect were disconnected, and that Quick Connect owed Farmers Telephone Cooperative (Farmers), its underlying carrier, the sum of approximately \$19,000 at that time. Apparently, payment arrangements had been made with Farmers, but Quick Connect failed to comply with the arrangements. Accordingly, Farmers disconnected Quick Connect's services and

customers, which numbered about three-hundred. On July 12, 2002, Quick Connect was in arrears in the amount of \$28,000 with no payments of the past due amounts having been made to Farmers. Staff petitions this Commission, based on its allegations that Quick Connect no longer possesses the financial resources sufficient to provide the services that it had been certified to provide in South Carolina. Staff therefore requests, in the form of a Petition, that this Commission require the Company to show cause why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should not be revoked.

An examination of the Commission's Docket file reveals that Staff's Petition was mailed to the Company via certified mail, and that the Petition was picked up by the Company's agent. Attached to the Petition was a Notice requiring the Company to respond within 30 days of service of the Petition. Staff's calculated date for response was October 4, 2002. No response was received from the Company to Staff's Petition.

Accordingly, Staff's Petition for a Rule to Show Cause is granted. Quick Connect shall appear before the Commission and show cause as to why its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should not be revoked because of insufficient financial resources to provide its certificated services in South Carolina. A hearing shall be set on this matter for **Wednesday, January 8, 2003 at 10:30 AM** in the offices of the Commission.

Pursuant to 26 S.C. Regs.103-869(C)(Supp. 2001), the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Staff shall be pre-filed on or before **December 9, 2002**, and that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of Quick Connect shall be pre-filed on or before **December 23, 2002**. (Material may be

post-marked on these dates.) Also, any rebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **December 30, 2002**, and any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **January 3, 2003**. (Material must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on these dates.) It should be noted that acceptance into the record of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the discretion of the Commission. In addition, parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits (and/or scripts or other materials) on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

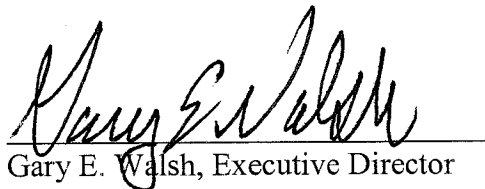
Please take note that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director

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